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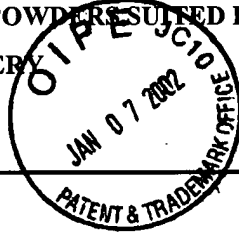
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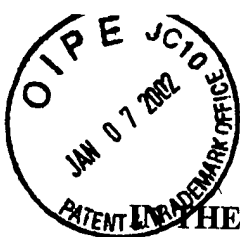
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph at line 9 of page 6:

It should be appreciated that the terms "graphized," "graphizing," and "graphization" as used throughout the text are synonymous and/or are interchangeable with the terms "graphitized," "graphitizing," and "graphitization," respectively, or other like terms.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A graphite powder comprising a carbon material containing 0.01 to 5.0 wt% of boron and having a looped closure structure at an end of a graphite c-planar layer on at least a surface of cleavage formed by sheering; wherein the density of the interstitial planar sections between neighboring closure structures is not less than 100/ μm and not more than 1500/ μm ; and wherein said carbon material is surface processed by scraping the surface of the graphite c-planar layer.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The graphite powder according to claim 1 wherein the specific surface area is not more than 1.0 m^2/g , and at least one of the crystalline diameter is 100 to 2000 Å and the volume cumulative mean particle size as measured by the laser diffraction scattering method is 5 to 35 μm .